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MOSCOW: AUG 3: REUTER - A MOSCOW JOURNAL TODAY ACCUSED THE UNITED STATES CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (C.I.A.) OF TRYING TO OBTAIN INFORMATION WITH THREATS FROM AN AIDE OF SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS JACOB MALIK.

THE WEEKLY LITERARY GAZETTE SAID THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD ALREADY MADE AN OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION TO THE U.S. EMBASSY HERE ABOUT WHAT THE WEEKLY CALLED ''THE BRAZEN PROVOCATION'' BY THE C.I.A. AGAINST SOVIET DIPLOMAT OLEG KHARCHENKO.

MR KHARCHENKO: A SECOND SECRETARY AT THE SOVIET U.N. MISSION: REPORTED THE INCIDENT WHEN IT OCCURRED ON JULY 16 AND HAD SINCE RETURNED TO THE SOVIET UNION.¢

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LITERARY GAZETTE SAID THE TWO C.I.A. AGENTS: WHOM IT NAMED ONLY AS MR BRYANT AND A YOUNGER MAN CALLED BOB: FIRST SUGGESTED A DEAL UNDER WHICH THEY WOULD SUPPLY MR KHARCHENKO WITH USEFUL POLITICAL INFORMATION IN RETURN FOR INFORMATION ON THE SOVIET UNION'S REAL INTENTIONS IN PURSUING DETENTE.

WHEN THE SOVIET DIPLOMAT REFUSED: THEY FIRST THREATENED TO WRECK HIS CAREER AND THEN WARNED HIM THAT IF HE ''FELL'' FROM THE WINDOW OF THE HOTEL ROOM WHERE THEY HAD MET: NEWSPAPERS WOULD REPORT IT AS A SUICIDE.

LITERARY GAZETTE: WHICH GAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS OF THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY'S PROTEST: SAID MR KHARCHENKO WAS INVITED TO THE ROOM IN THE FIRST PLACE BY TWO PLAINCLOTHES DETECTIVES: WHOM IT NAMED AS WILLIAM O'BRIEN AND WILLIAM O'ROURKE.

THE SOVIET DIPLOMAT HAD GOT TO KNOW THEM WHEN THEY WERE GUARDING THE HOSPITAL WARD WHERE MR MALIK WAS TREATED AFTER A CAR ACCIDENT IN MARCH: THE REPORT SAID.¢

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ON JULY 16, THEY INVITED MR KHARCHENKO TO RENEW THE FRIENDSHIP OVER DRINKS AT THE NEW YORK HILTON HOTEL, THE ACCOUNT SAID.
FROM THE BAR THEY INVITED HIM TO THEIR ROOM WHERE THEY WERE JOINED BY THE TWO C.I.A. MEN, THE SOVIET JOURNAL SAID.
AFTER THE DETECTIVES LEFT THE ROOM, MR BRYANT AND BOB TOLD THE SOVIET DIPLOMAT THEY WERE FROM THE C.I.A. AND KNEW EVERYTHING ABOUT HIM AND HIS JOB.
LITERARY GAZETTE QUOTED MR BRYANT AS SAYING C.I.A. CHIEF GEORGE BUSH WOULD BE PERSONALLY APPRECIATIVE IF MR KHARCHENKO PASSED ON INFORMATION TO WHICH HE HAD ACCESS THROUGH HIS JOB AT THE MISSION.
''DO NOT MISUNDERSTAND US;'' IT QUOTED HIM AS SAYING. ACCORDING TO LITERARY GAZETTE THE AGENT NAMED BOB TOLD THE SOVIET DIPLOMAT: ''WE JUST WANT TO KNOW HOW SINCERELY YOUR GOVERNMENT CONDUCTS THE POLICY OF DETENTE.''Z
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IN RETURN, THEY OFFERED TO FEED THE SOVIET DIPLOMAT INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO HIS SUPERIORS WHICH WOULD HELP HIM TO MAKE A BRILLIANT CAREER, LITERARY GAZETTE SAID.
''WHEN THEY HEARD FROM KHARCHENKO THAT HE HAD DIFFICULTY UNDERSTANDING THE POINT OF THE MEETING WITH MR BRYANT, AND THAT THE SITUATION, TO PUT IT MILDLY, WAS NOT AT ALL TO HIS LIKING, THE 'SPECIALISTS ON DETENTE' STARTED MAKING THREATS,'' THE JOURNAL SAID.
MR BRYANT TOLD THE SOVIET DIPLOMAT THE ONLY WAY OUT OF THE ROOM WAS THROUGH THE WINDOW. THE REPORT THAT

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''AN UNIDENTIFIED MAN HAS DONE AWAY WITH HIMSELF'' HE TOLD HIM, ACCORDING TO LITERARY GAZETTE.

BUT THE C.I.A. MEN BACKED DOWN FROM THE THREAT AFTER A SHORT PAUSE IN THE CONVERSATION AND GAVE MR KHARCHENKO THREE DAYS, UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MONDAY, TO THINK THINGS OVER, THE JOURNAL ADDED.

MR KHARCHENKO REPORTED THE MATTER THE SAME DAY TO HIS SUPERIORS AT THE MISSION AND BY SUNDAY HAD ARRIVED HOME IN THE SOVIET UNION.

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THE U.S. EMBASSY HERE HAD NO IMMEDIATE COMMENT ON THE REPORT. THE MATTER WOULD BE DEALT WITH IN WASHINGTON, A SPOKESMAN SAID.

LITERARY GAZETTE, OBTAINED BEFORE IT REACHED NEWSSTANDS FOR TOMORROW MORNING, PRINTED THE STORY IN A BLACK BORDER ON ITS INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAGES, UNDER THE HEADING ''THE WRETCHES.''

THE SAME JOURNAL LEVELLED CHARGES OF C.I.A. ACTIVITY EARLIER THIS YEAR AGAINST THREE MOSCOW-BASED AMERICAN NEWSMEN, BUT ITS LATEST CHARGES WERE SEEN AS MORE SERIOUS IN THEIR POSSIBLE IMPACT ON U.S.- SOVIET RELATIONS.

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